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June 29, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Division of Technical Professions to **retroactively** renew its membership with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), vendor code 177818, Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$12,000 from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Agency Income.

Funds are anticipated to be available in the State FY 2021 operating budget as follows:

01-21-21-212010-240500000 Division of Technical Professions	<u>FY 2021</u>
026 – 500251 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	12,000.00

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to RSA 310-A:43, architects are required to pass an examination to obtain an occupational license. The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) relies upon the NCARB national exam for this purpose. Membership with NCARB is a requirement to utilize the NCARB national examination. OPLC's present membership expires June 30, 2020, so OPLC is seeking to renew its membership. This request is retroactive because the invoice was not received until June 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Listed below are answers to questions which may be of assistance for the Governor and Council in considering the approval of organization dues and membership submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* NCARB has been in existence since 1919 and the Board of Architects has been a member since approximately 1956.
2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits to which your agency belongs?* No.
3. *How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* All fifty states and five US Territories are members of NCARB. The OPLC is the only New Hampshire state agency that is a member of NCARB.
4. *How is the dues structure established?* NCARB charges states a standard membership fee based on population and other criteria.
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in membership?* Membership in NCARB is required in order to obtain access to the National Architectural Registration examinations. The State also receives updated information on the major areas of Architectural practice.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail:* No training materials are included; only the examinations regarding professional standards are included in the membership.
7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain:* Membership in NCARB is required in order to obtain access to the National Architectural licensing examinations. Candidates must pass these exams in order to qualify for licensure in New Hampshire.
8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.* There is one trip per year for a Board member to attend the national conference and two regional New England-based trips per year to vote on behalf of the New Hampshire Board.
9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization).* The members of the Board of Architects are voting members of NCARB. The staff of the OPLC Technical Division interfaces with NCARB regarding administration of examinations.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the OPLC did not belong to this organization.* If the State does not belong to NCARB the State will be unable to administer

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examinations for licensure of Architects. If the Board does not have access to the national exams, the Board will be unable to carry out the legislatively mandated examinations for Architects required pursuant to RSA 310-A: 38, III, and 310-A: 43.

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INVOICE

Date: June 21, 2020
Invoice No: 010504

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ANNUAL NCARB MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$6,500.00

ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE REGION 1 DUES

For active membership dues and for the services of the New England Conference Region 1 for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$5,500.00

TOTAL DUES: \$12,000.00

NCARB national membership dues support your board's public health, safety and welfare mission by providing you access to the full services of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards such as development and delivery of the Architect Registration Examination, administration of the Architectural Experience Program, architect/licensure candidate record development and transmittal process, access to the disciplinary database, funding the development of an integrated database, up to three board members and the Member Board Executive to attend the Annual Business Meeting, Member Board Executive Workshop, etc.

To foster closer communication between Member Boards and the Council, as well as among Member Boards, and further to foster the development of future leaders and assist the Council in achieving its mission, six geographical Regions comprising all Member Boards were established decades ago. Each Member Board is required to be a member of its Region. Regional member dues support programming for licensing boards in their efforts to share best practices, host forums to educate licensing advisors, board members, and licensure candidates on the qualifications for licensure, and to develop consistency in licensing requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Lourdes Lagasca in the Accounting Department at (202) 879-0558.

Payment Options:

All payments must be made in US funds due and payable within 30 days

- ACH: Bank of America
ABA Number: 054001204
Account Number: 002086699535
- Check: Please make check payable to NCARB and remit to:
1401 H St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

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Please return invoice copy with payment